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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON NGUZA

A) KINSHASA 9491 (OCTOBER 29, 1975)

B) KINSHASA 0419

1. FOLLOWING IS BIO INFORMATION ON NGUZA KARL-I-BOND:

NGUZA KARL-I-BOND RANKS NOT FAR BEHIND BISENGIMANA AS ONE OF THE GOZ'S

MOST POWERFUL POLITICAL FIGURES. AS PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU, AND DIRECTOR OF THE MPR, HE IS A FREQUENT SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGIME AND THEREBY GAINS PUBLIC EXPOSURE SECOND ONLY TO THE PRESIDENT.

2. NGUZA IS 37 YEARS OLD. HE WAS BORN IN MUSUMBA, IN SHABA. HIS ORIGINS SEPARATE HIM FROM THE EQUATEUR CLIQUE WHO SURROUND THE PRESIDENT, AND HAVE CAUSED SOME RESENTMENT FROM THAT GROUP. HE ATTENDED RELIGIOUS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND OBTAINED HIS LICENCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FROM UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN (BELGIUM).

3. NGUZA HELD A SERIES OF JOBS OF CONSIDERABLE RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE ACCEDING TO HIS CURRENT POSITION. HE SERVED AS COUNSELOR IN THE EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS, COMMISSIONER FOR UNION MINIERE DU HAUT-KATANGA, COUNSELOR FOR THE MISSION TO THE UN IN NEW YORK, CONFIDENTIAL

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MINISTER AND REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN IN GENEVA, AMBASSADOR TO

THE UN IN GENEVA, AND STATE COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

4. NGUZA HAS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN AND RETAINS NUMEROUS CONNECTIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, AND THE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ACADEMY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE. HE IS WELL DISPOSED TO THE UNITED STATES, AND HAS HAD GOOD RELATIONS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS HERE AND ABROAD. AMERICAN OFFICERS WHO HAVE HAD DEALINGS WITH NGUZA DESCRIBE HIM AS FRIENDLY, AND VERY SELF-ASSURED.

5. MOBUTU HAS BEEN USING NGUZA OF LATE FOR SPECIAL MISSIONS ABROAD. IN EARLY JANUARY HE VISITED TOGO, IVORY COAST, AND SENEGAL TO DISCUSS ANGOLA WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE CHIEFS OF STATE. DESPITE HIS DOMESTIC FUNCTIONS, HE IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY PROMINENT IN THE ARTICULATION OF ZAIRE'S FOREIGN POLICY, OFTEN ECLIPSING COMMISSIONER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MANDUNGU BULA. IT WAS NGUZA WHO WAS CHOSEN TO DELIVER THE PUBLIC BLAST AGAINST THE SOVIETS FOR THEIR DEMARCHE ON ANGOLA (REFTEL A). HE WAS ALSO THE GOZ'S SPOKESMAN ON THE DILOLO AFFAIR. (REFTEL B.)

6. NGUZA IS NEARLY FLUENT IN ENGLISH. HE IS FLUENT IN FRENCH, AND ALSO SPEAKS SWAHILI, LUADA, LINGALA, TSHILUBA, AND SOME FLEMISH.

7. THE PROPER FORM OF ADDRESS FOR NGUZA IS "MR. SECRETARY".

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